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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Lindeman on June 22, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Page 1 of the Specification:

Cross-References to Related Applications

The present application is *[a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/842,776, filed on April 27, 2001, now pending, which is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/08212, filed on October 29, 1999,] a national stage application of PCT/EP98/03764, filed June 19, 1998, which, in turn, claims priority benefit to [EP Application Nos. 98120517.2 and 98120687.3, filed October 29, 1998 and November 6, 1998, respectively] German application 197 26 268.6, filed June 20, 1997, the entire disclosures of which are all hereby incorporated by reference.*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul S. Hyun whose telephone number is (571)-272-8559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571)-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Part I.

Claims discussed:

Prior art documents discussed:

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☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner initiated the interview to seek Applicant's permission to amend errors in Specification. Specifically, the continuing data specifying related applications is incorrect. The Applicant approved the amendment of the continuing data in the Specification.